

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 8-11, and 15-21 are pending in the present application.

I. Rejection of claims 1, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukaya (U.S. Patent No. 4,942,325).

Claims 1, 18 and 19 have been amended to recite that the “bobbin is composed of a material having lubricating characteristics,” which is not disclosed in Fukaya. Consequently, claims 1, 18 and 19 should be deemed allowable in view of Fukaya.

II. Rejection of claims 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukaya (U.S. Patent No. 4,942,325) in view of Ghorashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,202,187).

Claims 8 and 15 should be deemed allowable by virtue of their dependency to claim 1 for the reasons set forth above. Moreover, Ghorashi does not cure the deficiencies of Fukaya.

III. Rejection of claims 9-11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9-11 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukaya. Claims 9-11 and 16 should be deemed allowable by virtue of their dependency to claim 1 for the reasons set forth above.

IV. New Claims

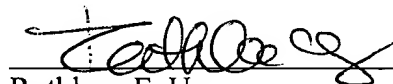
Applicant has added claims 20 and 21 to provide a more varied scope of protection. Claims 20 and 21 include subject matter similar to former claims 12 and 13 which were previously canceled to place the application in condition for allowance. In view of the new reference, however, which requires further prosecution of the present application, Applicant has added claims 20 and 21.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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